

**To the VMCTM Advisory Group and Formative Audience Evaluation team:**

Thank you for agreeing to evaluate this prototype version of the Virtual Museum of Canadian Traditional Music.

The rapid prototype is intended to show proof of concept programming (essentially, *one example* of each programming routine that will be required in the final version of the product. Follow the directions to find the examples of functionality. The graphics included with the rapid prototype are at a draft stage.

Please try the following actions and optionally provide your comments on each (particularly if something didn't work, or if the interface was not clear. Note that not all features are available in this rapid prototype, as indicated below.).

The bold numbers in parentheses following each item cross-reference to the document **Functionality: Rapid Prototype Proof of Concept**, which is optionally available for your perusal. You can use these numbers to link your feedback to specific features.

The VMCTM is available at the following URL:

<http://142.244.48.13/folkways/prototype/index.html>

Please click on this URL (or copy it to your browser) and manoeuvre through the prototype while reading the following instructions.

**Rapid Prototype User Instructions****Splash page**

- ▶ Click the logos to go to those sites (**2b**)
- ▶ Select language of choice (*only the English version has content at present*) (**2e**)
- ▶ Link to Flash version (**2c**)
- ▶ Link to HTML version (**2d**) (*not available in rapid prototype*)

**English Home Page**

- ▶ Link to featured item (**3bi**)
- ▶ Link to narrative (**3bi**)

**Universal menu (**3a**)**

- ▶ Click About Us (**3c**)
- ▶ Click Feedback (**3c**)
- ▶ Click Credits (**3c**)
- ▶ Click Narratives (**3ai**)
  - Shows drop down menu (**3ai**)
- ▶ Click Narratives/Folkways Alive! (**3bi**)

- Shows how sub-menu of narrative functions (**3ei**)
- Each section has placeholder text (**3e**)
- Displays thumbnail of media item (**3eii**)
- Display icons for toggling between thumbnails of media items (**3eiii1**)
- Click thumbnail of image to see full version and associated metadata (**3eiv**)
- Click play to listen to audio track (**3gii**)
- Show Audio tracks from specific narrative in different views (**3ev**)
  - Click Timeline to see the audio represented on a timeline (**3ev1**)
    - Mouse over 'event' in timeline to view metadata description (*in rapid prototype, we are only showing two tracks; the timeline graphic is a draft version*)
    - Click 'view' to go to album, track, etc. to play
  - Click Map to see the audio represented on a map of Canada (**3ev2**)
    - Click the name of a province or the province on the map to zoom to associated media (*in rapid prototype, we are only showing two tracks, both in Alberta; the map graphic is a draft version*)
    - Click a track to see the metadata
    - Click 'view' to go to album, track, etc. to play
  - Click List to see the audio represented in a list (**3ev3**)
    - Click a track to see the metadata
    - Click 'view' to go to album, track, etc. to play
- ▶ Click Learning Resources to view page that will include links to lesson plans
  - View activities (students will search site resources using search functionality and provided keywords as research component of activities) (*not available in rapid prototype*)
  - View teacher resources (PDF) (*not available in rapid prototype*)
- ▶ Click Resource Centre to view a searchable database of media; to see functionality of the following: (**3f**)
  - click the search term 'Folk' (**3fi**)
  - click the advanced search (*not yet available*) (**3fi1**)
  - Click Narrative, Artist, Album, Track to browse the audio (**3fii1-4**); mouse over a thumbnail to see a larger view and the title of the item (**3fv**), click the thumbnail to view a full size media items (**3fvi**) (audio (**3gii**) and associated cover art and liner notes (**3h**) and any video (**3gi**) or photos (**3h**)) and the associated metadata (**3fvi1**), as well as to play the audio (**3gii**)
  - Display number of results (**3fiii**)
  - Click jump to page (**3fvii**) (*not available*)
  - Display results in the following formats (**3fiv**) (*not available in resource centre but same functionality is available in Folkways narrative*)
    - Timeline (**3fiv1**)
    - Map (**3fiv2**)
    - List (**3fiv3**)
- ▶ Clicking Help will provide a help menu and text for all functionality
- ▶ Click search to search site audio (**3d**)
- ▶ Clicking *français* will take the user to the equivalent page of the French resource (*the button serves as a toggle and is currently disabled*) (**1d**)

Please note:

\* The bold number in parentheses following each item is based on the document

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\* Virtual Museums Canada has reviewed this rapid prototype for functionality and approved it without requests for any changes. However your input is very important to our iterative design process.